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SUBJECT: NATO AEW STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

REFS: (A) USNATO 5088, DTG 191955Z MAY 1978
(B) USNATO 5091, DTG 192026Z MAY 1978

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT HAS SIGNED A FACSMILIE COPY OF
THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU) CITED IN REF A.

THIS COPY WAS POUCHED TO POLAD ON MAY 25. THE AMBASSADOR
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WILL SIGN THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT UPON HIS RETURN TO
BRUSSELS. YOU MAY INFORM OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF
THIS SITUATION. WE TRUST THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S SIGNATURE
WOULD PROMPT A NUMBER OF OTHER REPRESENTATIVES TO
SIGN THE SOU WITHIN A FEW DAYS, EVEN IF, AS THE CASE
WITH THE U.S., FINAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS HAS
NOT BEEN GRANTED.

2. WE ARE ENCOURAGED ABOUT NETHERLANDS' AND LUXEMBOURG'S

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WILLINGNESS TO SIGN THE SOU AS INDICATED IN REF A. DOD VIEWS ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES FROM CANADIAN AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES AS A NECESSARY BASIS FOR FORMAL REQUEST TO THE CONGRESS. CANADIAN AGREEMENT WOULD APPEAR WELL IN HAND, SINCE, AS REPORTED BY REF B, DEFMIN DANSON IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT QUICKLY RECEIVING CABINET APPROVAL FOR INTERIM FUNDING. GERMANY'S AGREEMENT TO SIGN IS LESS CERTAIN THAN CANADA'S, ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT FRG WILL PROVIDE ITS SHARE.

3. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DOD OFFICIALS, MINISTER APEL'S STAFF APPEARED PERSUADED BY THE ARGUMENT THAT THIS SOU IS AN EXTENSION OF THE PREVIOUS SOU ON INITIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WHICH GERMANY HAD SIGNED BEFORE HE ASSUMED HIS CURRENT POSITION. ACCORDINGLY, IF NECESSARY FOR TACTICAL REASONS, HE COULD DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM LEBER'S COMMITMENT WHILE PERMITTING THE FRG PERMREP TO SIGN THE NEW SOU. WE HAVE HOPES THAT APEL WILL AUTHORIZE SUCH ACTION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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